

HOUSE PASSES NEW FARM BILL 263 TO 135

JAPAN'S ARMIES IN CHINA PLAN ATTACK ALONG SIX FRONTS

Giant Campaign To Crush Chiang Kai-Shek's Legions Is Now Under Preparation

JAPANESE SOLDIERS ANXIOUS TO START

Chinese Cheered, However, by Success Thus Far in Holding Line, by Persistent Guerrilla Attacks and Influx of Huge Reinforcements Supplies

Shanghai, Feb. 9. (AP)—Japanese armies were poised at six points on the Far East war map today for a giant campaign to crush Chiang Kai-Shek's legions and swallow the fertile heart of eastern China.

The magnitude of the campaign, which has been in the making since the first shot was fired seven months ago, became apparent through new military movements.

Japanese military headquarters disclosed the zero hour was approaching, in a communique, which said:

"The troops, with re-arranged positions and with morale growing stronger, are impatient for further operations."

The Japanese grand objective was to bottle up 400,000 Chinese troops along the Lunghai railway and conquer the corridor which has kept them from

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FORMER MOORESVILLE MINISTER A SUICIDE

Mooreville, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The body of Henry Cleveland Brackette, former Methodist minister, now a textile employe here, was found behind his garage today, with the throat cut.

Cornerer J. D. Tomlin said it was suicide and no inquiry was planned. A razor was found near the body. Brackette, 51, had been in ill health two years. The funeral will be held Friday.

Swing Music At Execution Is Requested

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 9.—(AP)—In the death house at Sing Sing, Charles J. Brown, 30, of Ellenville, N. Y., wants to walk to the electric chair to the hot throbs of swing music.

He may get his bizarre final requests, Warden Lewis Lawes said today although ordinarily the bleak corridors of "murderers' row" are silent on the day of an execution.

Lawes said Brown, whose execution is set for February 24, would spend his last 24 hours in a pre-execution cell entirely apart from the death house with its radio equipment.

"However, if he wants some music we can give him a portable phonograph in his pre-execution room," Lawes said. The condemned man, who has had no visitors in Sing Sing and does not expect any, was convicted of robbing and murdering Isadore Handelman and his wife in Ellenville and then setting their home afire.

1937 LEGISLATURE ISSUES YET ALIVE

Sales Tax and Wet-Dry Question and Home Exemptions Loom Big

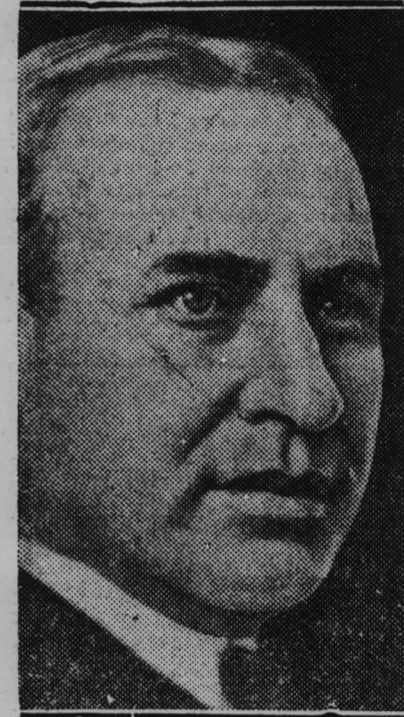
Daily Dispatch Bureau. Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Sales tax and the wet-dry question are not the only legislative issues which will be very much alive in the 1938 General Assembly, it is shown by replies to a questionnaire recently sent out by the North Carolina State Senate.

Homestead tax exemption, improvement of secondary roads and school bus routes, and diversion of highway funds will be right up in the forefront according to Harry B. Caldwell, master of the State Senate.

Mr. Caldwell today told this bureau's representative that replies to his questionnaire are coming in very rapidly and that local Granges over the entire State are virtually unanimous in insisting that the organization make the fight in 1938 for the

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May Head New York Stock Exchange



Former Governor O. Max Gardner, above, is slated to become the first full-time paid "czar" of the New York Stock Exchange under reorganization plans now nearing completion, according to news advices from Washington. Governor Gardner, whose four-year term as the State's executive ended in 1933, has been practicing law in Washington since that time. His salary as head of the stock exchange reportedly would be between \$50,000 and \$75,000 annually.

Eight Dead, Six Hurt In Plane Crash

Air France Flying Boat Snags Breakwater at Marseilles in Take-Off

Marseilles, France, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Eight persons were killed and six injured early this morning in the crash of an Air France flying boat against the Marseilles breakwater at the moment of take-off.

The trans-Mediterranean air liner was starting her scheduled flight to Ajaccio, Corsica, on the Marseilles-Tunis run. She hurtled against the breakwater at 60-miles-an-hour speed and burst into flames.

Air France announced the dead were five passengers and three of the crew. Four passengers and two of the crew were injured. All of the dead were French, including Chief Pilot Pierre Eurrelo, veteran flier, who was at the controls.

The six injured were taken from the

LUMBERTON YOUTH DIES OF SHOOTING

Lumberton, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Bishop Davis, 48-year-old Indian of Raynham, in Robeson county, died today in a hospital here of a pistol wound in the abdomen inflicted January 30. Davis told officers he was shot while a crowd was assembled at the home of R. C. Seals, with whom he lived.

Hoover Sails To Belgium To Receive Gratitude Of Those He Fed During War

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Bound on a "sentimental journey," former President Herbert Hoover is sailing for Europe today to re-visit the scenes of his historic labors as director of the Food Administration in war-ravaged Belgium.

Now 63 years old, he was invited by the Belgian government and various Belgian universities to make the voyage for a round of ceremonies calculated to show the Belgian people's "unalterable attachment."

The program in Hoover's honor will

May Be Diplomat



J. WALTER LAMBETH Rumor spreading in connection with the voluntary retirement from Congress of Representative J. Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, of the seventh North Carolina district, is that he may be appointed to some important diplomatic post abroad. He is wealthy and has a turn for the diplomatic service, the stories say. The gossip is that he might serve abroad for several years, then return to the State and run for governor. He faced no opposition for re-election to Congress this year.

WALL STREET AGOG WITH RUMOR ABOUT GARDNER'S CHOICE

No Definite Action Has, However, Been Taken on Making Tar Heel Exchange Governor

GARDNER PROFESSES IGNORANCE OF MOVE

Says He Is Not And Has Not Been Candidate for Full-Time Paid Office in Reorganization of Securities Market, Greatest in The Nation

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The name of O. Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, and friend of President Roosevelt, was on Wall Street tongues today as the possible choice as the first paid president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Gardner was reported to have strong backing among exchange members who had been influential in pushing a proposed reorganization of the administrative machinery of the nation's leading organized securities market.

From the start of the campaign for administrative change, some of them have insisted the exchange, contrary to its traditions running back more

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JOHN M. SHARP OUT FOR JUDGE IN 21ST

Reidsville Man To Oppose Solicitor Allen Gwyn for Superior Court Office

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—John M. Sharp, of Reidsville, paid the State Board of Elections \$65 today to seek the Democratic nomination for superior court judge of the twenty-first district.

Allen Gwyn, now solicitor of the twenty-first, has also filed for the judgeship.

Eyes here were turned especially on possible candidates for Congress in the sixth and seventh districts, with Representatives William B. Umstead, of Durham, and Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, having announced they would retire.

Attorney Of Preacher At Berlin Named

Berlin, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Nazi state today named an attorney of its own choice to defend Rev. Martin Niemoller, militant Protestant leader, on trial charged with inciting to disobedience and other offenses against the Nazi regime.

The way was cleared for this turn of the trial of the arch foe of the Nazi church program when it developed Niemoller himself had dismissed the three attorneys hitherto conducting his defense and withdrawn their mandates.

Secrecy surrounding the trial also cloaked the pastor's motive, but it was understood the pastor, who had hoped to defend himself in full publicity, was gravely disappointed by failure to keep the court room open to the public. Reportedly he told friends if he was to be judged in secret, he would act like Jesus before Pilate and make no reply to the accusations.

Steel Renews CIO Contract With Wages Remaining Same

Only Alteration Is Provision for Conference on Ten Days Notice or Any Changes

8-HOUR DAY, 40-HOUR WEEK PROVIDED FOR

"Big Steel" Announces Agreement on CIO Contract Shortly After Some Independent Companies Publish Price Slashes; CIO Bargains Only for Members

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The United States Steel Corporation today granted the CIO a new union contract replacing the current agreement expiring February 28. Half a million workers are affected. Wages were left at the existing level.

The only substantial change made in the old contract, which now is renewed indefinitely, was a provision for conferences on ten days notice by either side for the purpose of negotiating changes.

If changes asked by either side are not agreed to within twenty days, said the steel company, then all agreements shall be considered ended.

The existing contract provides for an eight-hour day, a 40-hour week, and a \$5-a-day basic rate for common labor.

U. S. Steel made the announcement again recognizing the CIO only a short time after some independent steel companies which the union has never been able to organize had made substantial price cuts in some categories.

These cuts in price were thought by some observers to indicate a possible price fight. One "big steel" affiliate followed with similar cuts. Under the renewed contract with CIO, the union, as before, will have the right to bargain only for its own members and, Steel announced, the closed shop is specifically waived.

HOEY AT EVENT OF GOLDSBORO MUSIC

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Governor Hoey will go to Goldsboro tonight to hear a concert by the Westminster choir.

METHODISTS PLAN ALDERSGATE MEET

Students To Gather for Two Days in Raleigh, Followed by One at Lenoir

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—An Aldersgate Christian mission will be conducted for Methodist students here February 23 and 24 and at Lenoir, February 25, with Rev. John R. Rustin, of Washington, D. C., and Boyd M. McKeown, of Nashville, Tenn., as leader-speakers.

The missions, part of a south-wide series, will celebrate the bi-centenary of the evangelical conversion of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church.

Dr. Rustin is pastor of Mount Vernon Place Methodist church in Washington, and McKeown is director of college promotion in the department of schools and colleges, Methodist Church Board of Christian Education.

U. S. NAVY WANTS TO BE COCKSURE

Not Bragging About Match With Japs, but Not Fearful of Nippon

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 9.—Admiral William D. Leahy, Uncle Sam's chief of naval operations (which makes him top-ranking officer of our sea forces), presented it when Congressman Ralph Brewster of Maine, asked him, as a witness before the house of representatives naval affairs committee whether our navy folk "originated the idea that five Americans" (five American warships) "are needed to lick three Japanese."

The admiral, as we know, replied

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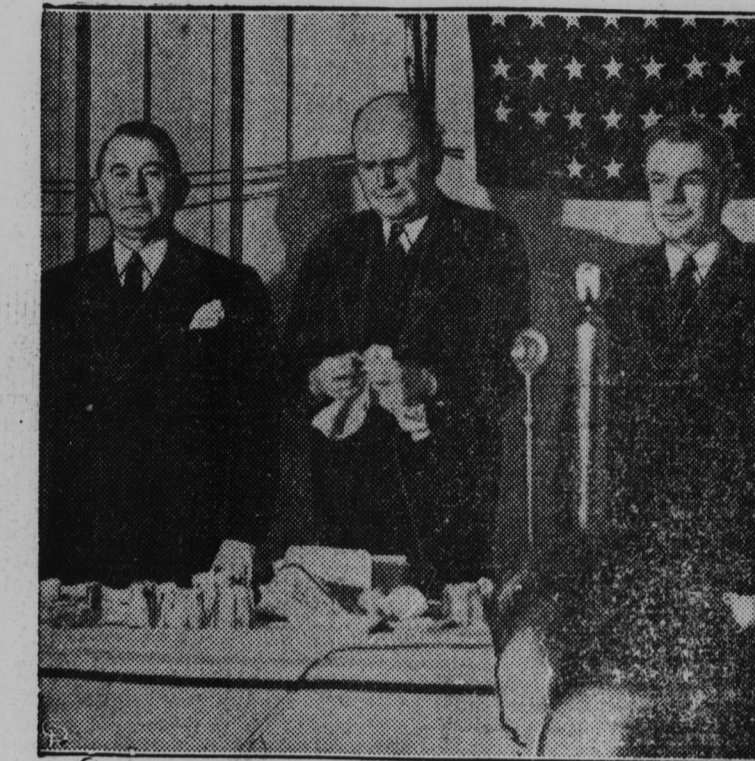
MORE WITNESSES IN LUMBERTON HEARING

Lumberton, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The State called more witnesses to the stand today in support of its charges that Furman (Footy) Lowry, an Indian, was guilty of murder in the fatal stabbing January 30 of Owen Smith, another Indian. Grover Oxendine told the court yesterday that he heard Lowry make a threat against Smith, that he saw Lowry and his brother, Fred, accompany Smith into the darkness, where he said Smith was stabbed.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight.

F. D. R.'S SUPPORT GIVEN DUFFY



Senator Alben Barkley, Dr. S. E. Gavin and Senator F. Ryan Duffy Presidential support for Senator F. Ryan Duffy of Wisconsin in the Democratic primary seems assured following a testimonial dinner given Duffy at Fond Du Lac, Wis., above, attended by Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky. Both President Roosevelt and Vice President Garner sent letters to support Duffy's re-election candidacy, not officially announced as yet. The question of presidential approval was much discussed because of possibility that Gov. Philip La Follette might become the Farm-Labor candidate for the senate. Four years ago, the president gave his favor to Senator Robert M. La Follette, Progressive. In the photo above, left to right, are Senator Barkley, Toastmaster Dr. S. E. Gavin and Senator Duffy at the Fond Du Lac dinner. —Central Press

King George Will Visit France To Weld Accord

Bandits Take Off \$50,000 at Miami

Miami, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Three bandits held up the Arenas bar on Biscayne boulevard this morning, rifled a bank of private safety deposit boxes and escaped with cash and jewelry unofficially estimated at \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The robbers, unmasked and brandishing pistols, walked in at 8 a. m., while the shifts were changing in the all-night resort, herded eight employes and one customer upstairs and made them lie flat on the floor, where they covered them with coats and table cloths. With crowbars the men pried open some 20 safety deposit boxes where the owners and a number of friends and customers kept valuables.

Spanish Journey to President Lebrun Monarch's First Trip Since Coronation

TO OFFSET HITLER JOURNEY TO ITALY

German Dictator To Repay Call of Il Duce to Berlin Last Fall; George Likely To Meet His Brother, Duke Of Windsor, First Since Abdication

London, Feb. 9.—(AP)—King George's State visit to France next June was considered here today to be a planned demonstration of the close political ties between Europe's leading democracies.

Political observers were quick to point out that the monarch's first journey outside the realm since his coronation last May would serve to balance the German Hitler's springtime visit to Fascist Rome.

The London press generally hailed as politically significant the announcement that King George and Queen

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Wide Gains In Spain By Insurgents

Hendaye, France, on the Franco-Spanish frontier, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Spanish insurgents completed the "first stage" of an attempted push to the sea through government-controlled eastern Spain, and halted today to bury their dead and take inventory of captured prisoners and supplies.

The Franco forces counted 240 square miles of territory gained in a four-day offensive north of Teruel, and an insurgent communique said thousands of prisoners, much munitions and supplies were taken.

The offensive was coupled with resumption of insurgent aerial raids in the territory along the Mediterranean, the stronghold of government Spain. Six Italian-type planes dropped 70 bombs on Sagunto yesterday. Casualties were undetermined. Barcelona sirens sounded at dinner time and the city was darkened last night, but bombers attacked a few miles to the south.

CROP MEASURE IS FINALLY APPROVED AS DEBATE CLOSES

Marketing Restrictions Provided in Addition To Continuing Soil Conservation

ANTI-LYNCH FIGHT IN SENATE GOES ON

Ellender, Louisiana, Declares Problem Has Been Adequately Dealt With by South; Roosevelt Ready to Ask \$200 to \$300 Millions More for Relief

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The House voted approval today of the revised crop control bill, speeding it along to final legislative action in the Senate. The roll call vote was 263 to 135.

House action came at the end of four hours of debate under procedure which many Republicans described as a "gag" rule. No member was permitted to change any section of the bill, which a joint Senate-House committee drafted from separate measures the Senate and House passed at the end of the special session of Congress last December.

The program will continue the soil conservation act and set up machinery by which Secretary Wallace, with the approval of farmers, could apply marketing regulations to wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco and rice.

In debate preceding the vote, Representative Rees, Republican, Kansas, said the theory of crop regulation embodied in the legislation would lead to more government control than one realizes today. He expressed approval of the present soil conservation act, and an "ever normal granary" program, but "without hooking it up with crop control."

While the House acted on the farm bill, the Senate heard Ellender, Democrat, Louisiana, say that the problem of lynching had been dealt with "adequately" by the South. Resuming the southerners' filibuster against the pending anti-lynching bill, Ellender

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Defense To Battle For Fred Beal

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A committee of progressive and liberal leaders announced today they would oppose extradition in Boston proceedings tomorrow against Fred Beal, who was convicted of conspiracy to murder in the death of Police Chief O. F. Adersholt during a textile strike in Gastonia, N. C., in 1929.

Beal, pending appeal, went to Russia and forfeited his bail. He was re-arrested in Lawrence, Mass., his home town, January 19, and faces a 17 to 20-year sentence, if extradited. "The non-partisan committee for the defense of Fred E. Beal," issued a statement declaring the Beal case "must not be allowed to become another Mooney or Sacco and Vanzetti case to disgrace the judicial record of our country."

Capone May Be Sent To A Hospital

Insane Chicago Gangster May Be Sent To Missouri from Alcatraz

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Reports were current today that Al Capone, under observation in the hospital ward of Alcatraz prison might be transferred to the hospital for insane criminals at Springfield, Mo.

The rumor persisted that the Chicago gangster, serving time for income tax violation, was suffering from paresis, a condition which brings about destruction of the brain cells.

Dr. Edwin Twitshell, consulting psychiatrist for Alcatraz, who admitted yesterday he had visited Capone on a special call Sunday, observed:

"Whether Capone has paresis or

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